RHEA INQUIRY IS RETARDING WORK

All Important Committee Once Cheerful and Happy, Hearings Have to Be Postponed.

CAUCUS FIGHT DRAWS CROWD

Bill to Place Replica of Houdon Statue of Washington in National Capital Passed by Senate - Several Minor Measures Also Adopted Yesterday.

yesterday the administrative the General Assembly overgeship contest in the Democratic licus at night, resulting in the nomi-lion of Walter R. Staples over Roy. Smith, and the hearing of the Rhea tter, in the afternoon and evening, large measure ongressed the atten-

Rhea Investigation.

aking of testimony in the Rhea
ation began in the afternoon,
s continued until a late hour at
with an adjournment for din-

condemnation.

There was evidence, too, of much fajsifying of returns and alteration of certificates, but none of the witnesses appeared able to connect Judge Rheadirectly with any of these irregularities. Circumstances were given tending to implicate some of his close friends, but no participation nor approval was brought home to him. Some foundation was laid for impeachment, and if this line is followed up some ultra interesting information may be forthcoming.

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The practice upon the part of the prosecution, as it has been styled, of noting exceptions to the rulings of the committee, gave rise to some discussion as to what use was to be made of them, and it was clearly indicated that, in case of a report in favor of Juder Rhea, a vigorous appeal will be made to the joint Assembly to reverse the committee's findings.

At alight the testimony for the difference was begun, and further evidence upon both sides will be heard to-day. The committee will sit in the morning afternoon and night, and the hearing will then be concluded. Unless they plans are changed it is probable that the committee will be ready with 's report to-morrow or the day after, it is therefore likely that a joint meeting of, the two houses of the Legislature will be held in a few days to dispose of the matter finally.

ECCOLORE OF THE UNION.

SESSIONS OF TWO HOUSES

Invitation Extende. to How. W. J.
Bryan to Address Assembly.
In the House of Delegates the Rev.
J. J. Haley, of Seventh Street Christian Church, offered prayer, and the derk praceeded at once to the reading of the usual reports from the Senate and from the various committees of the House.

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Mr. Thrift offered a joint resolution extending through the Governor to flom. W. J. Bryan an invitation to address the joint Assembly at such time as may suit the convenience of Mr.

WIFE DESCRIBES CHANGE IN BURKE

- Now Morose and Erratic.

DEFENSE MAKES **OUT STRONG CASE**

Prominent Physician, Relatives and Friends of Prisoner Declare He Has Been Wrecked by Alcohol-Case May Go to Jury This Af-

Insanity was established vesterday in tendent of Station B of the Richmond

ital: the bill for the increase of the ital: At the close of the session the work of the passage of fense rested its case, and to-day the government will endeavor to establish the sanity of the prisoner beyond a vestigation the work of the consideration of bills, as to which there is much ontention, is being postponed.

Lively Caucus.

Waddill remarked yesterday tried a case.

Such a Meeting Impossible Under Con-sitution of the U. C. V.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 80.—
An official statement that there will be no joint reunion of Confederate and Grand Army Veterans at the next an-fuel Confederate Reunion in June. at Eleminghum Als. Was issued here for Himmingham, Ala., was 'ssued here toeight by Adjutant-General William

L. Mickie, of the Confederate veterans,
General Mickie said that the propise
ed joint reunion is impossible under
tite terms of the Confederate veterans'
constitution.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 30.—

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New Orleans Defeat, No Prohibition in South Carolina.

Collubian, S. C., January 30.—

There will be no contest of last These visit of the prohibition bill was killed in the House of the managers for T. S. Wilkinson, whose defeat by a clisive vote of \$4\$ to 53. The Senate also is opposed to prohibition. County local admitted yesterday.

BIG STONE GAP, VA., January 80.-The principal business block of Big Stone Cap was destroyed by fire at an ourly hour this morning. The alarn was sounded about 2:30 o'clock, when flames were seen bursting through the windows at the rear of the Red Star Shoe and Clothing Company, a large cothing store, and from the windows immediately above, in the law office of R. T. Irvine. The fire department

of R. T. Irvine. The fire department responded promptly, but it was soon discovered that the water pressure was not sufficient to afford much protection, and the flames were not checked until nine of the largest brick buildings in the town were demolished.

The loss will approximate \$100,000. with about \$60,000 insurance, as follows: damage to United States court tuilding, \$3,000; fully insured; Dr. J. W. Keliy, Joss, \$15,000; insurance, \$10,000; J. M. Willis & Co., loss, \$16,000; insurance, \$10,000; Interstate Finance and Trust Company, loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$2,500; C. S. Carter, loss, \$6,000; insurance, \$2,500; R. T. Irvine, library and Office furniture, loss, \$8,000; insurance, \$2,000; W. S. Mathews, loss \$2,000; no

MIGHT HAVE CHARGED MORE

HARRISBURG, PA., January 30 .charge as much for furniture supplied for the new Capitol as he was entitled

"per foot," or \$386.40 instead of \$1,030.40, to which he was entitled had he charged for it at this rate.

COLLAPSED IN COURT

CHICAGO, ILL., January 30

"Cape Uriginia, 4:20 P. M. In sight making for the Magelan Strait an American battlesilp. Judging by smoke on horizon, presume it is the Pareitard of the fleet bound to the Pacific."

EFFORT MADE TO PHEVENT

MAJOR PICKETT'S RETHEMENT

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 30.—

Representative Lemb tried to induce the President to-day to allow Major George E. Pickett to remain in the President to-day to allow Major army. Major Pickett is a paymaster, and the deafness which is about to cause his retirement does not interfere with the discharge of his duties. Capitain Lamb thinks, It is probable the ordered.

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Courts Requested to Take Charge of Affairs of Consolidated Co.

MORSE HUPED TO CONTROL THEM

Company Now Embarrassed Formed by Him in Pursuance of Plan to Direct Practically the Entire American Atlantic Coastwise Business.

tion has been made in Portland, Me. and in Boston and in this city for the tion.

Solidated Steamship Company.

A representative of the bondholders' protective committee and that the suits have been brought by creditors who are not unfriendly to the company, and it is believed a receivership will best protect the security holders and other interests concerned. It is an other interests concerned.

Metropolitan and Eastern Steamship Company. The proceedings will come before the United States Circuit Court in Maine on February 4th, when application for the appointment of a receiver will be decided.

The United for Which a receiver while is

The lines for which a receivership is to be remedied in Am asked are the Consolidated Steamship Lines, a Maine corporation, which is the holding company, and for the Metropolitan and Eastern Steamship portant thing to be don-

introduced was raised out by the compilities of missanasement of his office.

mittee, as being barred by the compilities of missanasement of his office, arrised the bullet in his pocket for the mints without saying anything the properties. Cream anything that saves it from utter condemnation.

The calebrated Secti county hallot was promounced a decided success. To a casual observer it resembles mothing as much or tway from the prisoner lately controlled by company as a made of the controlled by company as a man of calebrated seed on the prisoner lately controlled by company as a man of calebrated seed on the prisoner lately controlled by company as a man of calebrated seed on the prisoner lately controlled by company as a possible of the

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BODY IN COLD STORAGE

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Well-Known Business Man of Knox
ville Killed at North Fork.

[Snewight The T mes-Dispates]

BLUFFIELD W. VA. January 80.—

P. M. O'Brien of Knoxville, Tenn. was

run down and instantly killed at North
Fork this afternoon 21 4:45 o'glock
O'Brien, in company with W. Kelley
a traveling salesman, was walking
a traveling salesman was walking
a prisoner while they smashed a barset out of the way of the train O'Brien
ows struck. Kelley had a narrow easone Mr. O'Brien had come to this
to section to close a deal for the publishes
of the North Fork Hotel. The body
was taken to Koystone.

THE HELEN TAFT SUNK

Goes Down-Crew Saved.
WILMINGTON, N. C., January 30.-

While lying at anchor at Southport, revenue cutter Seminole, Captain J. H age from the Clyde liner Comanche to the Clyde steamer Apache, stating that an unknown steamer had sunk that an unknown steamer had sunk the four-masted schooner Helen E. Taft, Captain Fales, from Baitimore to Galveston, Texas, six miles southwest one-half west from Lookout Lightship, and that her foretop mast was projecting out of the water. The Comanche had on board the master and ten men of the craw of the Taft.

The Seminole, upon receipt of the information, immediately put to sea and at 3 P. M. to-day spoke the Swedish steamer Uplands, Captain Person, from Port Arthur to Rotterdam and Cardiff, while siewly steaming and lying to off Frying Pan Lightship. The Uplands had been in collision the

PUBLISH CONTRIBUTIONS

RESCUE CREW AND WOMAN

Idfe-Savers Succeed After Five Hours of Cold, Hard Work. NANTUCKET, MASS., January 30.— After a struggle of five hours' dura-tion against intense cold and a tur-

Judge Parker as Counsel in Behalf of Labor Federation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 30.—
Judge Alton B. Parker, of Now York, senior counsel for the American Federation of Labor in the case of the Bucks Stove and Range Company against the Federation of Labor, enjoining it from boycotting the goods of the company, has been in conference with President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, regarding the recent proceedings in court. Judge Parker, will appear in connection with the case with a view to taking an appeal.

Testimony in the case was heard today in the office or Raiston & Siddons, Bond Building, before William H. Smith, a court examiner.

Take Milling of Assaid.

Jane Killing of Assaid.

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JEROME MAKES PLEA COMMITTEE REPORT THAT JURY CONVICT

Closing Noted Case Sec. Prosecution Has Failed ond Time. Urges That Justice Be Done.

SAYS THAW SHOT IN JEALOUS RAGE

Picks to Pieces the Pleas of Insanity No Longer Shields Name of White, Pleads for the Young Wife, Who Has Never Had Fair Chance. Denounces Prisoner.

His View of Insanity.

To render a verdict of not guilty on the ground of Insanity, the prosecuted declared, it would be necessary, under the statutes and the decisions of the Court of Appeals, for the jurors to believe Harry Thaw was so insane that he did not know it was a pistol he held in his hand when he fired with perfect and deadly aim three hullets into the body of his victim; that he must have been so insane as not to know that the man he killed was Stanford (Continued on Fourth Page.)

BRINGING MOSE FERRIS BACK

Detective Baldwis Starts From Rie With Alleged Murderer.

RIO JANEIRO, January 30.—Detective Baldwin left here to-day for Southampton on board the steamer Nile with Mose Ferris in his oustody, Their ultimate destination is New York, Ferris has been extradited from the AETERDMOON SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION

Argentine on the charge of muraer, He is said to have assassinated Frank As, and at the following after that city with him on January 17th.

Baldwin was sent to Buenos Ayres for his man and left that city with him on January 17th.

FOANOKE VA., January 30.—Moses Farria, arrested for the murder of Assaid.

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HAD STILLS IN CELLARS

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WILL FAVOR RHEA

Up to This Time to Make Case Out.

MAY APPEAL TO JOINT ASSEMBLY

Exceptions Noted to Many Rule ings That Have Barred Testimony Along Certain Lines. Notorious Scott County Ballot Figures in Hearing.

AFTERNOON SESSION